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## Pearl Peterson, 86

*Nov. 5, 1915 – Nov. 14, 2001*

**MINDEN** – Pearl Emma Peterson was born Nov. 5, 1915, in rural Minden, the daughter of Nicolai and Emma Stender Gregersen, and was one of three children in the family. She attended the Joy Hill Country School in Harrison County, just north of Minden.

She married William Peterson March 12, 1949. They were the parents of three children, Lee, Gene and Faye. They lived for a short time on the Ned Thies farm east of Minden. They then moved to the Gregersen farm north of Minden to make their home. They lived there until August of 1997, when they entered Indian Hill Nursing Home in Council Bluffs. William died in July 1998. Pearl was a member of the Minden United Church of Christ, and was very active in the Womens Fellowship group of the church. She was also a member of the Minden American Legion Post #437 Auxilliary and belonged to numerous neighborhood clubs while living on the farm. She lived at the nursing home until her death Nov. 14, 2001, at age 86 years and nine days.

Pearl was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, William; her brother, Albert Gregersen; and her sister, Frieda Leaders. She is survived by her two sons, Lee Peterson (Beverly) of Council Bluffs; Gene Peterson (Sherri) of San Antonio, TX; and one daughter, Faye (Russell W.J.) Slate of Council Bluffs; 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren; a nephew and cousins.

Funeral services were held Nov. 19, 2001, at United Church of Christ with Pastor Denny Peterson officiating. Burial was in the Minden Cemetery. Casket bearers were David Dittmer, Maynard Leaders, Doug Stuhr, Jr., Ronald Nihsen, Calvin Manhart and Russell W.J. Slate. Knutson Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.